

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY13 Air Quality National

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY13 Air Quality National		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan (126)? If answer is ?Yes?, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is ?No?, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the location of the project with regard to EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designations for the area. Maximum points 45.	
2. a EQIP project is located in an area that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone (all 3).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b EQIP project is located in an area that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 2 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c EQIP project is located in an area that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the location of the project with regard to the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) ozone designation for the area. Maximum points 65.	
3. a EQIP project is located in EPA NAAQS Designation ?Extreme? nonattainment area.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b EQIP project is located in EPA NAAQS Designation ?Severe? or ?Serious? nonattainment area.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c EQIP project is located in EPA NAAQS Designation ?Moderate? or ?Marginal? nonattainment area.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the location of the project with regard to the EPA NAAQS PM10 designation for the area. Maximum points 30.	
4. a EQIP project is located in an area that is designated as serious nonattainment by the EPA for PM10 or is a PM10 maintenance area that was previously designated as serious nonattainment.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b EQIP project is located in an area that is designated as moderate nonattainment by the EPA for PM10.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the EQIP contract with regard to local or state air quality	

regulations that specifically address agricultural emissions. Maximum points 20.	
5. a EQIP project practice(s) address one or more local or state agriculturally-related air emissions regulatory requirements.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the potential for the EQIP contract to replace existing diesel engines used on farm - All retired engines must be destroyed according to requirements outlined in the Combustion System Improvement practice standard. Maximum points 65.	
6. a The EQIP project results in replacement of one or more existing diesel engine(s) with energy efficient electric motor(s).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b The EQIP project results in replacement of two or more existing pre-1980 diesel engines with the most current Tier-level diesel engines.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing pre-1980 diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing 1980 or newer diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e The EQIP project results in retrofit of an existing diesel engine with approved devices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the EQIP application is located in an area where the applicant needs to address a PM10 resource concern select the statement below that best describes the practices included in this application. (Refer to ?Practice-Resource Concern Matrix) Maximum points 35.	
7. a EQIP application includes at least one or more practices for PM10 that provide a high or significant environmental benefit.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b EQIP application includes no high priority practices but does include one or more medium priority practices to address PM10.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c EQIP application includes no high or medium priority practices, but does include one or more low priority practices to address PM10.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the EQIP application is located in an area where the applicant needs to address a PM2.5 resource concern select the statement below that best describes the practices included in this application. (Refer to ?Practice-Resource Concern Matrix) Maximum points 35.	
8. a EQIP application includes at least one or more practices for PM2.5 that provides a high or significant environmental benefit.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b EQIP application includes no high priority practices but does include one or more medium priority practices to address PM2.5.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c EQIP application includes no high or medium priority practices, but does include one or more low priority practices to address PM2.5.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the EQIP application is located in an area where the applicant needs to address an Ozone resource concern select the statement below that best describes the practices included in this application. (Refer to ?Practice-Resource Concern Matrix) Maximum points 35.	
9. a EQIP application includes at least or more practices for Ozone that provides a high or significant environmental benefit.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b EQIP application includes no high priority practices but does include one or more medium priority practices to address Ozone.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c EQIP application includes no high or medium priority practices, but does include one or more low priority practices to address Ozone.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the EQIP application is partially or fully focused on ammonia emission reductions select the statement below that best describes practices included in this application. (Refer to ?Practice-Resource Concern Matrix) Maximum points 35.	
10. a EQIP application includes at least one or more practices for ammonia that provides a high or significant environmental benefit.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. b EQIP application includes no high priority practices but does include one or more medium priority practices to address ammonia.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. c EQIP application includes no high or medium priority practices, but does include one or more low priority practices to address ammonia.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the EQIP application is partially or fully focused on greenhouse gases select the statement below that best	

describes the practices included in this application. (Refer to ?Practice-Resource Concern Matrix) Maximum points 35.	
11. a EQIP application includes at least one or more practices for GHGs that provide a high or significant environmental benefit.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. b EQIP application includes no high priority practices but does include one or more medium priority practices to address GHGs.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. c EQIP application includes no high or medium priority practices, but does include one or more low priority practices to address GHGs.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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2. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Nutrient Management (590) system including the associated practice(s) at a Basic level? -OR-	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Nutrient Management (590) system including the associated practice(s) at an Enhanced level?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement cover crop (340) after low residue crops on acres offered in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Roofs and Cover (367)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Drainage Water Management (554)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Windbreak/Sheltebelt Establishment (380) or a Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: